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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 19. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

1. At its 30th meeting, on 19 October 1993, the Committee considered section 19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. A number of delegations were of the view that the priority accorded to the subprogramme on the environment was not reflected in the proposed allocation of resources, particularly in view of the negative effects on the environment of the circumstances that prevailed in the region. They also expressed the view that more resources should have been allocated to the subprogrammes on natural resources, particularly water resources, population, and women and development.

3. A number of delegations noted that there was no reference to any activities in the Palestinian occupied territories, and expressed the view that the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) should develop a programme of activities in those territories as part of the global programme of assistance to be prepared in the framework of the mechanism recently set up by the Secretary-General.

4. A number of delegations were of the view that various parts of the ESCWA programme of work for 1994-1995 seemed to duplicate the work of other entities of the Secretariat or of specialized agencies. They recommended that ESCWA ensure that duplication was avoided and that it coordinate closely its activities with the entities and specialized agencies concerned.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 19 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.